

Subject: Japanese Coinage

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Mr. Howland Wood
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Broadway at 156 th Street,
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Dear Sir:

I have two Japanese coins that I have been unable to fully identify. In a recent conversation, Dr. J. M. Henderson of this city suggested that I write to you and send a rubbing of these two pieces, and that possibly you might be able to give me some information about them.

Enclosed you will find the rubbings of these two pieces which I have taken the liberty to send to you as Dr. Henderson suggested.

The gold bar is a Japanese Koban as I understand it. It measures 32 mm. X 60 mm. and weighs 171 grains. It has been assayed and reported to be a little better than 18 Karat. I have been informed that this is an unusually high degree of fineness for these pieces.

The silver bar has also been called a Koban but I have been unable to find any satisfactory information regarding it. It measures 38mm. X 65 mm. and weighs 264 grains. I have been told that these silver specimens are much scarcer than the gold ones.

Both of these pieces are in very nice condition. I haven't seen enough of such pieces to really know what condition they would be called in numismatic terms but I should say that the gold piece is extremely fine and the silver piece strictly very fine.

If you can give me any information about these pieces I will appreciate it a great deal, and if you can tell me anyone who might be interested in this pair of pieces I would also appreciate that, for this type of material is out of the line which I am most interested in at the present time.

Dr. Henderson asked me to extend his greetings and best wishes to you. Thanking you for any information you can give me, I am,

Yours very truly,

A. F. McCrory

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